

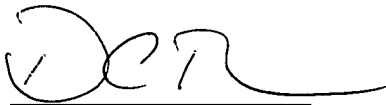
REMARKS

This preliminary amendment requests an amendment to the specification to provide a recitation of the claim for priority from prior and co-pending patent applications. This preliminary amendment further cancels the claims of the as-filed continuation application, and replaces those claims with claims 32 through 44 (presented above).

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, consideration of this application and allowance thereof are earnestly solicited.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is hereby authorized to call Applicant's attorney, Duane C. Basch, at Telephone Number (585) 899-3970, Penfield, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

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